



ST IVO SCHOOL

# **Entry Requirements for Sixth Form**

For entry September 2017

## Key principles for entry to St Ivo Sixth Form

1. All St Ivo students will have the opportunity to study Post-16 courses here at the school provided that appropriate courses are available, they satisfy the entry requirements and students have demonstrated a good attitude to learning, including good attendance, punctuality and behaviour during their time at the school. The school will use recorded student data as evidence of a student's attitude to learning. (Information of this kind will be sought about external students wishing to join St Ivo.) The school reserves the right to refuse entry to the Sixth Form to a student who has not demonstrated a consistently good attitude to their learning pre-16.
2. The school welcomes applications from new students who satisfy the entry criteria.
3. The school will provide information and advice and will guide students towards appropriate courses.
4. The school decides whether a student follows a Sixth Form course. There is an appeals procedure in response to a student not being offered a place; its decision will be final.
5. As a comprehensive school, St Ivo School will offer a broad range of A Level and vocational courses post-16, in addition to a range of Level 2 courses that prepare students for Level 3, to meet the needs of as many learners as possible.
6. In the event of insufficient student uptake or staffing, it may not be possible to run a course.

## GCSE English and Maths

As you may know, under current government requirements and with the new grading system, all students in the Sixth Form must continue to study English Language and mathematics until they achieve at grade 4. The Department for Education has now confirmed (December 2016) that only students achieving below a grade 4 in summer 2017 will be required to resit their GCSE English Language and/or Maths.

### Students studying Level 3 courses:

- Should achieve at least a grade 4 in English Language before beginning Level 3 courses
- Must retake GCSE Maths in place of their 4<sup>th</sup> Level 3 course, if they haven't achieved at least a grade 4. The school can determine which Level 3 course the student can no longer take. This will be done after final GCSE results are known.

### Students studying Level 2 courses:

- Must retake GCSE English Language and/or Maths in place of their 4<sup>th</sup> subject, if they haven't achieved at least a grade 4 in either subject. The school can determine which course the student can no longer take. This will be done after final GCSE results are known.

# Subject Specific Entry Requirements

In addition to the entry pathways on the following pages, students wishing to study the courses listed below must satisfy the additional individual subject entry requirements.

## **Biology** – at least

- Grade B GCSE Science and Additional Science and grade 6 GCSE Maths
- Or two grade Bs including Biology in Triple Science and grade 6 GCSE Maths

## **Chemistry** – at least

- Grade B GCSE Science and Additional Science and grade 6 GCSE Maths
- Or two grade Bs including Chemistry in Triple Science and grade 6 GCSE Maths

## **Computer Science** – at least

- If you studied GCSE Computer Science, grade C
- A grade 5 GCSE Maths

## **Economics** – at least

- If you studied GCSE Economics, grade C
- A grade 5 GCSE Maths

## **Further Maths** – at least grade 7 GCSE Maths

**Health & Social Care** – at least grade C in GCSE Science and Additional Science and grade 5 in GCSE Maths

**Maths** – at least grade 6 GCSE Maths

**PE** – at least grade C in GCSE Science and Additional Science, or any two grade Cs in Triple Science.

**Photography** – requires a portfolio to be presented to the Head of Department

## **Physics** – at least

- Grade B GCSE Science and Additional Science and grade 6 GCSE Maths
- Or two grade Bs including Physics in Triple Science and grade 6 GCSE Maths

**Psychology** - at least grade C in GCSE Science and Additional Science and grade 5 in GCSE Maths

**For all other level 3 subjects**, a minimum of a grade C (or 4) is required where the subject has been studied at GCSE or equivalent level.

# St Ivo Entry Pathways

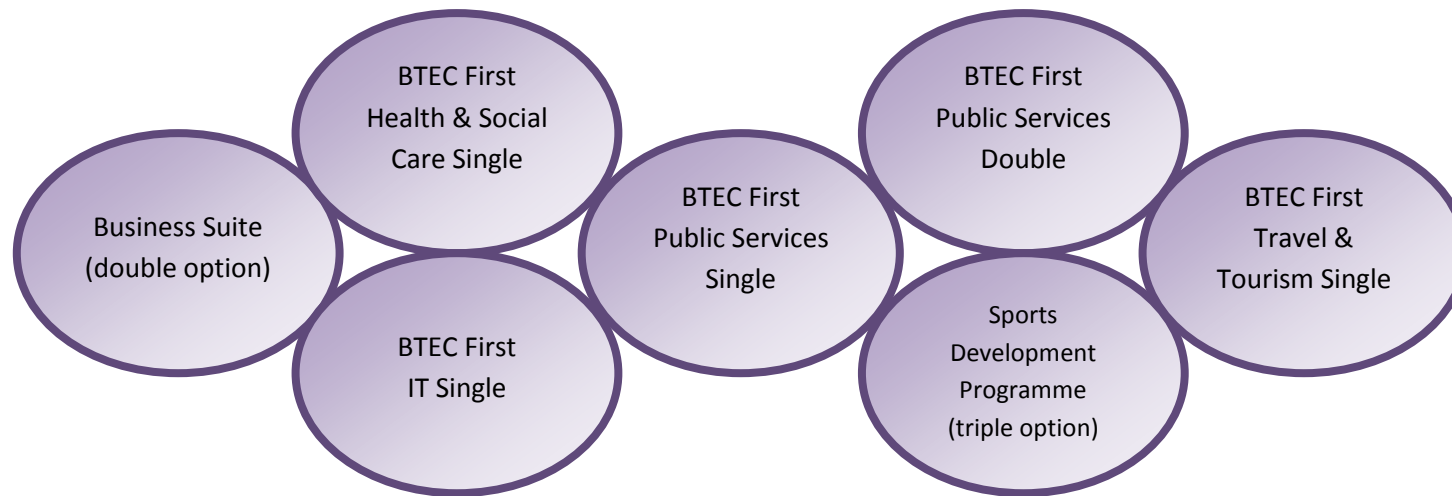
The Pathways:

- Reflect the sorts of courses most suitable for students with particular point scores (based on school and national data)
- Students must also satisfy the entry requirements for individual subjects, as listed on the previous page
- When making choices for Sixth Form, students should calculate their likely average points score, as explained below, based on their predicted grades.
- Once final grades are known, students may be required to change their choices according to which pathway they can access, and any subject specific entry requirements. Any changes will be limited by spaces available on courses and combinations of courses fitting the timetable. This process will be finalised during the first two days of term in September 2017.

## Average Points Score

Use the table below to convert your **best 8** grades to points, then divide by 8 to find your average. Please note that for entry to St Ivo Sixth Form you should calculate your points score using this method, which is different to Progress 8 and Attainment 8.

GCSE grade A*, BTEC Distinction*, grade 8 or grade 9	58 points
GCSE grade A, BTEC Distinction or grade 7	52 points
GCSE grade B, BTEC Merit or grade 6	46 points
GCSE grade C, BTEC Pass, grade 5 or grade 4	40 points
GCSE grade D or grade 3	34 points
GCSE grade E or grade 2	28 points
GCSE grade F, grade G or grade 1	22 points



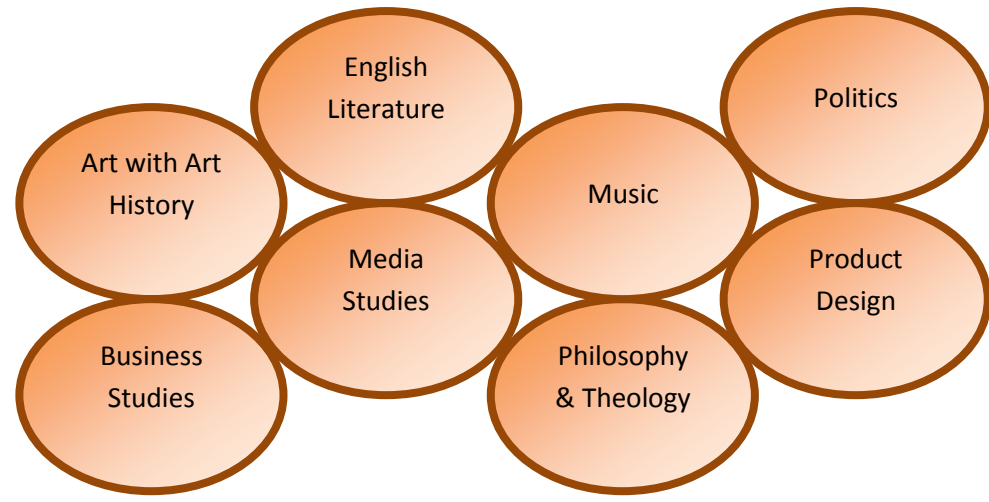
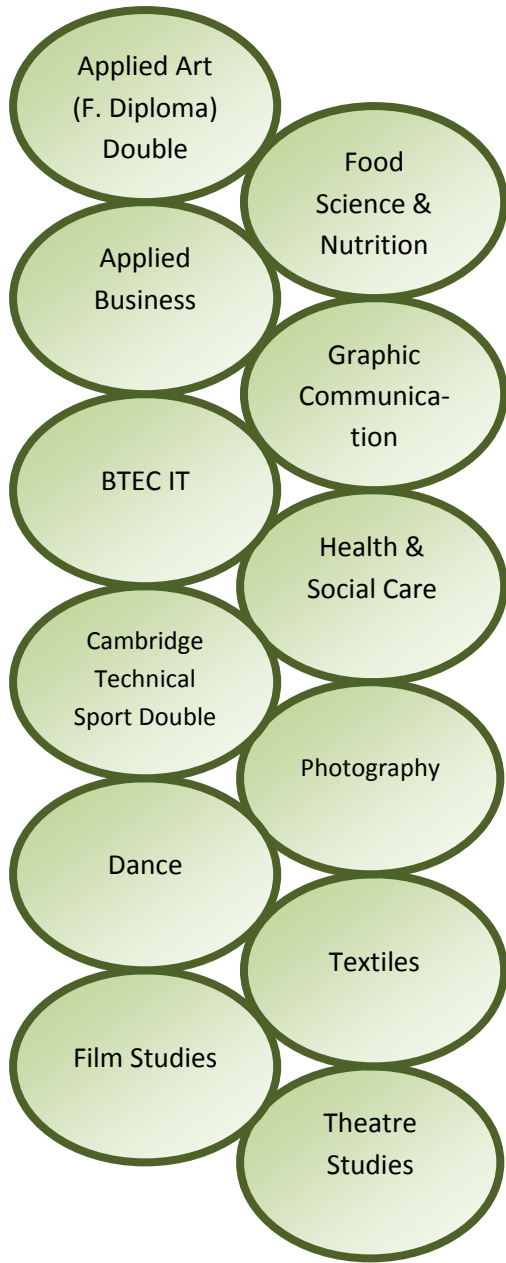
## The Purple Route – Level 2

**30+ points**

Any three **purple** subjects,  
plus GCSE English & Maths retakes as required

A double subject counts as two subjects

A triple subject counts as three subjects



# The Green Route

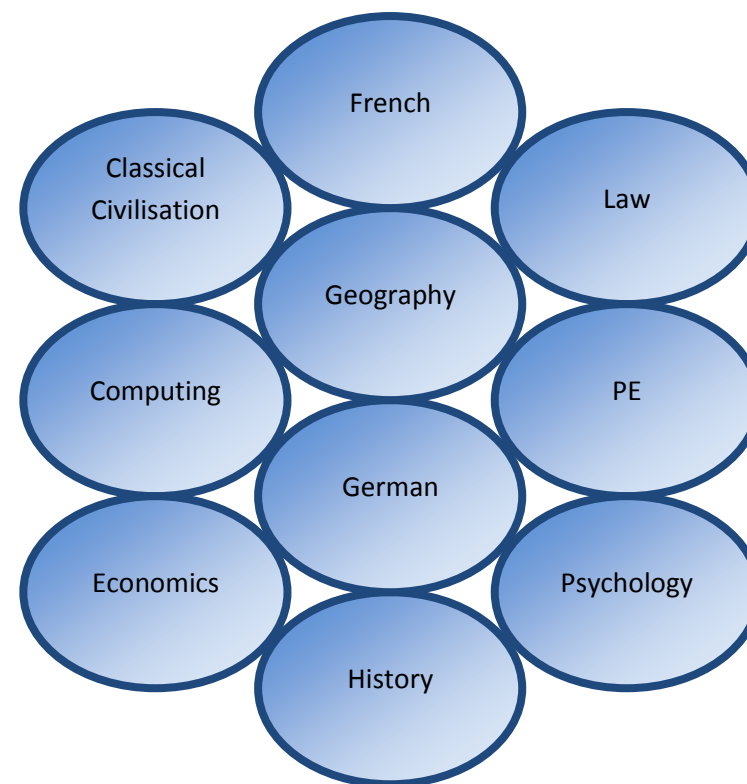
**38+ points**

And at least a grade 4 in GCSE English Language

3 or 4 **green** subjects

Or 2 or 3 **green** subjects and 1 **orange** subject

A double subject counts as two subjects



## The Orange Route

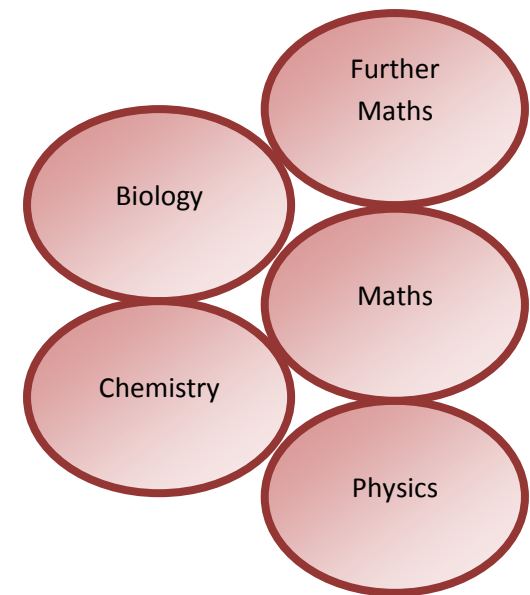
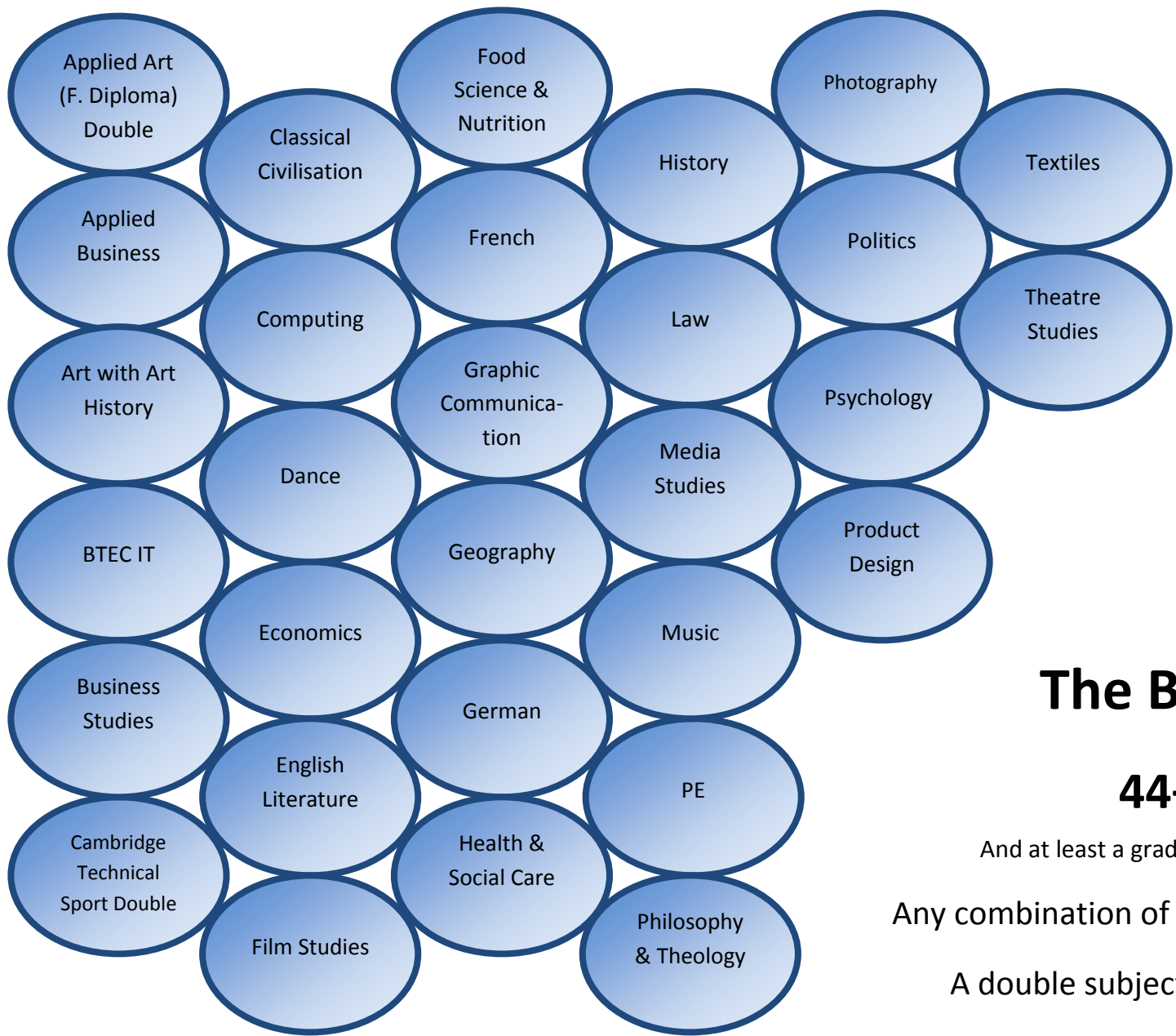
**42+ points**

And at least a grade 4 in GCSE English Language

Any 3 or 4 **orange** subjects

Or 2 or 3 **orange** subjects and 1 **blue** subject

A double subject counts as two subjects



## The Blue Route

**44+ points**

And at least a grade 4 in GCSE English Language

Any combination of 3 or 4 **blue** and **red** subjects

A double subject counts as two subjects